

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1362

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Regina Hickman-Swinney, Teacher of the Year at West Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Regina Hickman-Swinney is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hickman-Swinney has been selected as the Teacher of the Year at West Elementary School, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, an educator for thirty-one years, Regina Hickman-Swinney is a music teacher for grades Pre-K–5 at West Elementary School and holds a bachelor's degree in music from East Tennessee State University and a master's degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, early in her career, she also conducted the Hamblen County Children's Choir and Mountain Children's Choir Lee County; and

WHEREAS, Regina Hickman-Swinney is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hickman-Swinney serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, she enjoys the love and support of her husband of thirty years, Scott Swinney, and their son, Eli; and

WHEREAS, Regina Hickman-Swinney truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Regina Hickman-Swinney on being chosen as the Teacher of the Year at West Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.